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SUBJECT: WHA: ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON

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1. WE COULD NOT CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION REPORTED REFTEL UNLESS TWO REFERENCES TO "ISRAELI INVASION" AND "INVASION" ARE REMOVED FROM TEXT. WE WOULD PROPOSE SUBSTITUTION OF "THE SEVERE FIGHTING IN SOUTH LEBANON" IN THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH AND "FIGHTING IN SOUTH LEBANON" IN THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, BUT SIMILAR ALTERNATIVES THAT DO NOT IMPLY INTENT TO CONQUER TERRITORY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. THIS WOULD FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS WHICH DID NOT ATTEMPT TO PUT ONUS ON ISRAEL OR ANY PARTY FOR RECENT FIGHTING IN SOUTH LEBANON.

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2 FYI. YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT U.S. IDENTIFICATION WITH CONCEPT OF ISRAELI "INVASION" COULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED TO ISRAELIS FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES. BECAUSE OF ORIGIN OF CONFLICT AND CLEAR ISRAELI COMMITMENT TO ABIDE BY SC RES 425, WE HAVE NOT BEEN WILLING TO REACH CONCLUSION THAT ISRAEL HAS VIOLATED PROVISIONS OF APPLICABLE LEGISLATION UNDER WHICH EQUIPMENT

WAS SUPPLIED. END FYI

3. IF ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE CANNOT BE WORKED OUT, MISSION SHOULD ABSTAIN ON THIS RESOLUTION AND MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "WE FULLY SHARE THE EXPRESSION OF SATISFACTION AND THANKS EXPRESSED IN THE FIRST TWO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS AND THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL MEDICO-SANITARY HELP. WE SUPPORT THE PROVISION OF SUCH ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE LANGUAGE OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH IMPUTES TO ONE PARTY IN THE RECENT CONFLICT AN INTENT TO CONQUER TERRITORY AND WE CONSIDER IT UNFORTUNATE THAT THE WHO SHOULD MAKE SUCH A JUDGMENT.

4. FINAL TEXT SHOULD BE SENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. VANCE

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